

# TORRANCE HERALD

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## On Deportations

I dislike to say that Mr. V. S. McClatchy, of the Sacramento Bee, intentionally lies, but his bitter prejudice and hatred had fed his credulity until he has become a carrier of falsehoods, as some people are carriers of typhoid. Mr. McClatchy has published that during the twelve months ending June 30, 1919, 9678 Japanese were found to be illegally in this country and were arrested and deported.

Now the official report of the Commissioner of Immigration shows nine Japanese deported for being illegally in the country, in the year ending June 30, 1918.

The Commissioner's report for the next year, ending June 30, 1919, shows 117 contraband Japanese were apprehended and deported. So for the full year covered by Mr. McClatchy's statement, the official report shows only 126 Japanese illegally in the country and deported. I wrote the Commissioner-General of Immigration, asking the foundation for Mr. McClatchy's statement, and that official seems to think that his official report, above quoted, is sufficient answer. The circumstantial evidence is against the truth of McClatchy's figures, since the arrest of so large a number could not have escaped the notice of the newspapers and of the Japanese Consul. Mr. McClatchy follows his apocryphal figures with the statement that "No account is taken of the picture brides who arrived." This is not true. They all had to land at the Immigration Station and be registered, undergo a physical examination, and their names and those of their husbands recorded.

In Mr. McClatchy's statement to the Immigration Section of the Commonwealth Club, he said the Japanese on landing at first drive white labor out, by working for low wages, and then proceed to conquer everything. This statement is not true. I am a farmer and know, as do all farmers, there was no white labor to drive out. Instead of working for low wages, the Japanese in California are paid the highest farm wages in the world, and they are the most industrious and skillful land people in the State.

The glaring falsehoods of Hon. John S. Chambers I have already answered. The lies in the newspapers are too numerous to mention. One in the Call may suffice. That paper, under infuriating headlines, published that Japanese stevedores, in loading an American cargo of vegetable oils, had maliciously punched holes in the tin containers with loading hooks, and the oil leaked out, and this was done to damage American commerce. The owner of the oil in San Francisco and the officers of the ship at once exposed the story as a malicious lie, as did Lloyds, whose surveyor in Kobe watched the loading and certified to the proper condition of the cargo. Then it was shown by the same parties that Japanese stevedores use no loading hooks. But did the Call correct the lie? Not up to date.

Another member of Phelan's pogrom gang publishes that Japanese have leased ten million acres of land in the Sutter Basin. Go to the maps in the office of the State Reclamation Board, and you find that in the whole Sutter Basin, from the mouth of

Butte Slough to the confluence of the Sacramento and Feather rivers, there are only 60,000 acres. But people who don't know what or where Sutter Basin is read that ten million lie and rush to join the anti-Japanese pogrom.

Senator Phelan has published a study of the "hybrids," as he calls them, half Japanese and half white children. I refuse to accept his as an expert opinion.

During the anti-Chinese pogrom there were long and hot discussions over Chinese and white hybrids, impossibility of assimilation, etc. But the multimillionaire Chinese, Ah Fong, of Honolulu, had a bevy of charming daughters by his wife, who was half and half Portuguese and Hawaiian. The Ah Fong family were the toast of the Pacific, beautiful and accomplished, and they all married well, to white gentlemen, several of the husbands being officers in the American Army or Navy.

It is demonstrated by the foregoing that politicians are trying to stampede the people of California to do an act of dishonor against an industrious, cleanly, and law-abiding people. The proposed initiative measure has to go back to the cruelties attending the expulsion of the Jews from Spain to find an equal in cruelty, inhumanity and dishonor. It violates our treaty with Japan and the Fourteenth Amendment to our own Constitution, and is a proper offspring of the disgraceful lies from which it comes. I stand for American honor, decency and fair play; I stand for what is called our Christian civilization and wonder if there is enough of its spirit in California to save the honor of the State.

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